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THE SECRET LIFE OF...

TOP DOG

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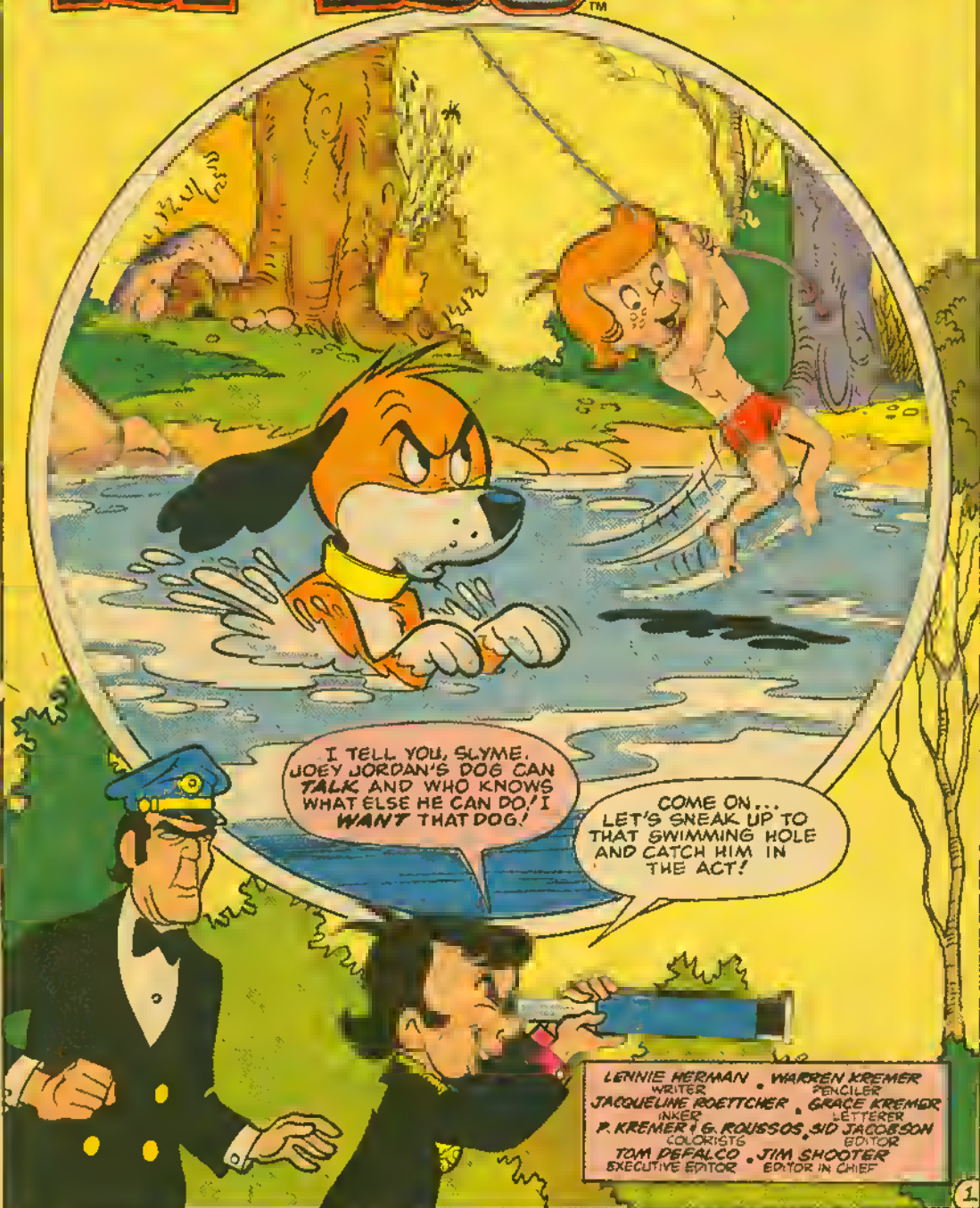
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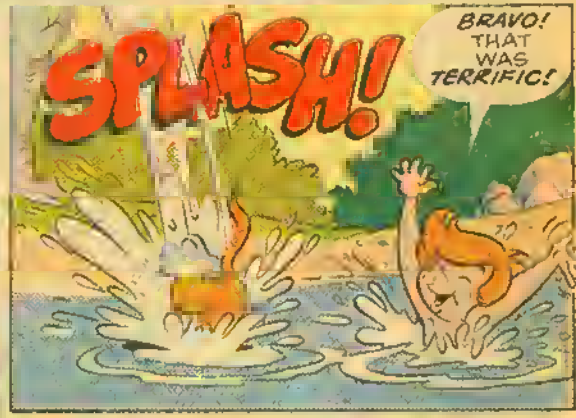
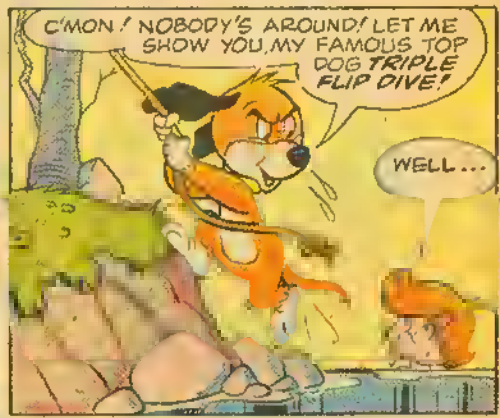
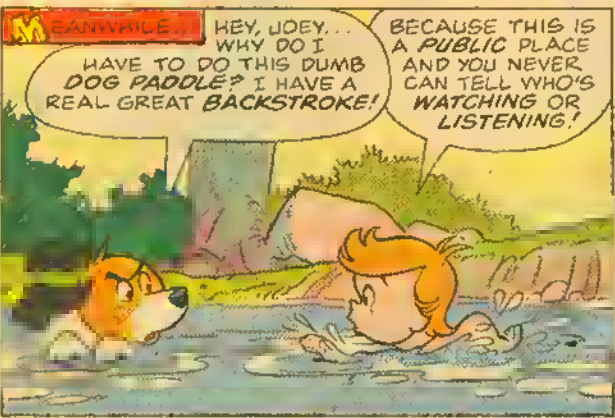
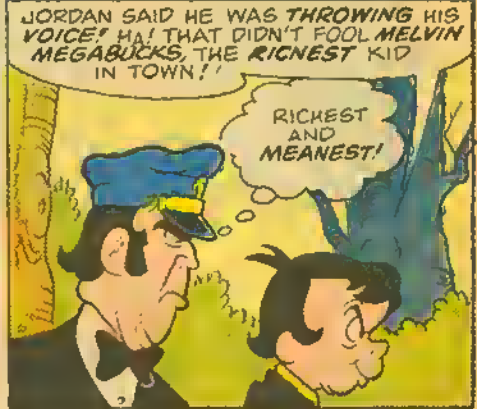
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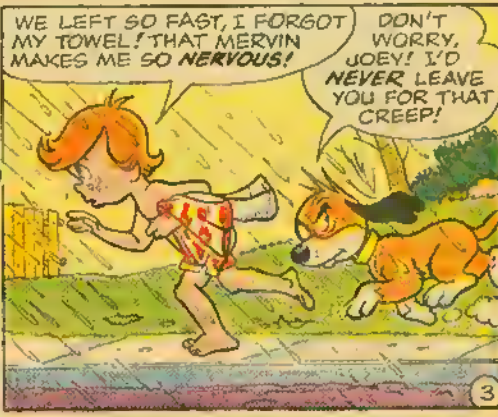
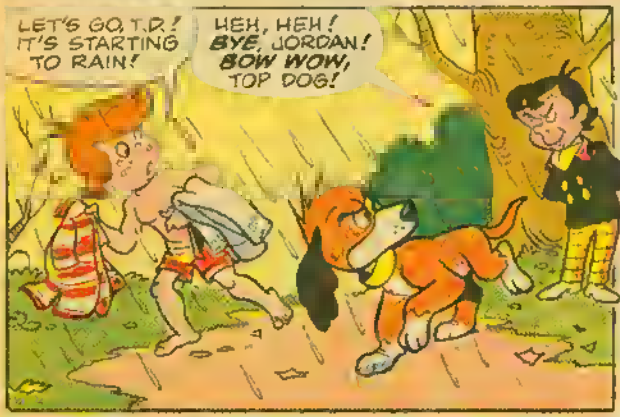
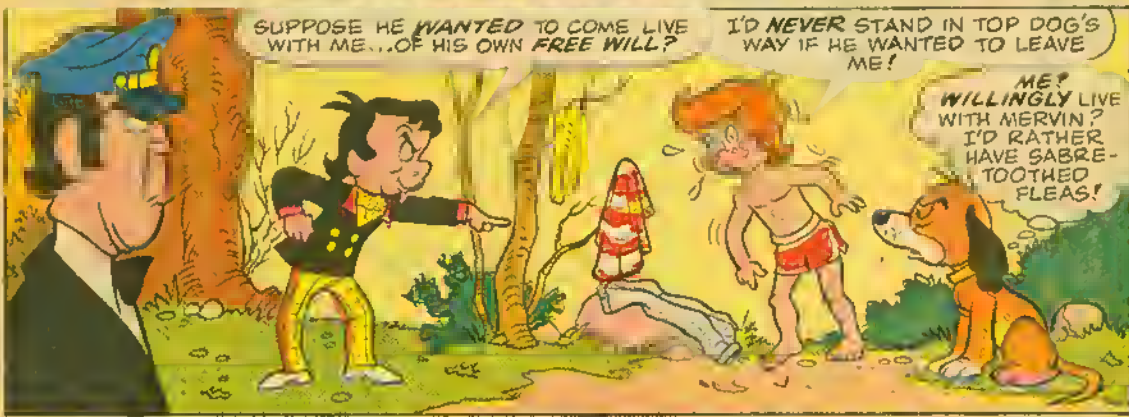


TOP DOG'S MIND IS
TURNED AROUND BY...
"FRANK STEIN"
(OR ARE THEY
STEIN 'N' FRANK?)

TOP DOG™ VS FRANK N STEIN







PUT THE TOP UP AND
HEAD BACK TO MEGABUCKS MANOR,
SLYME! I HAVE AN IDEA!

YES, MAWSTER
MERVIN!

WROOM!

I'M GOING TO SEE FRANK 'N' STEIN!
THE WORLD'S GREATEST MAD
SCIENTISTS!



TO THE
ESTATE
LABORATORY!
AT ONCE!

YES,
MAWSTER
MERVIN!

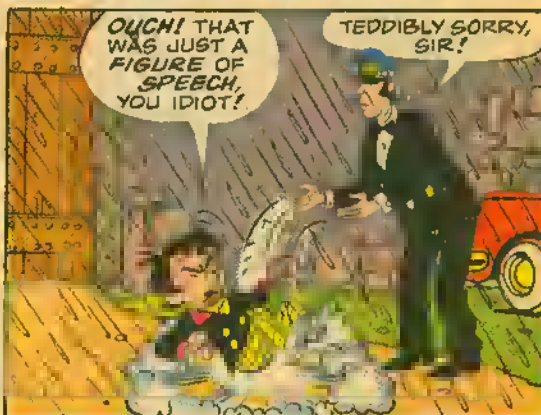
DROP ME OFF AT
THE TOP SLYME!

MY PLEASURE,
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MERVIN!



OUCH! THAT
WAS JUST A
FIGURE OF
SPEECH,
YOU IDIOT!

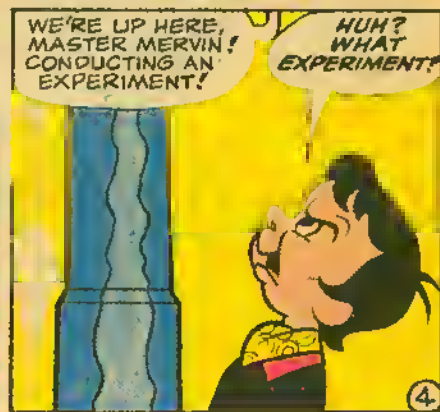
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SIR!

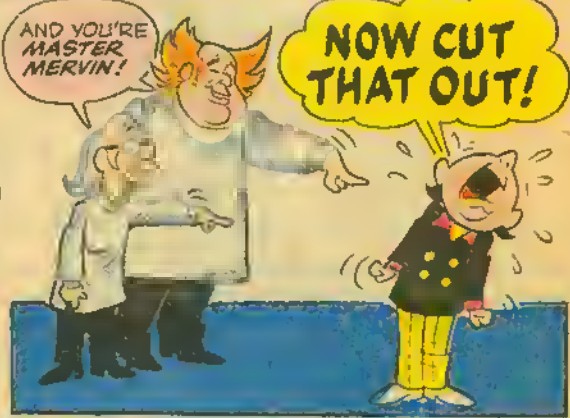
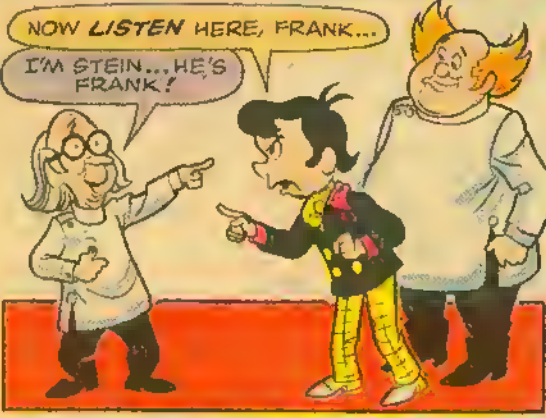
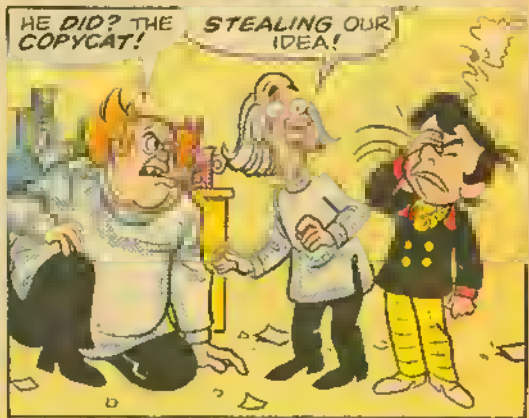
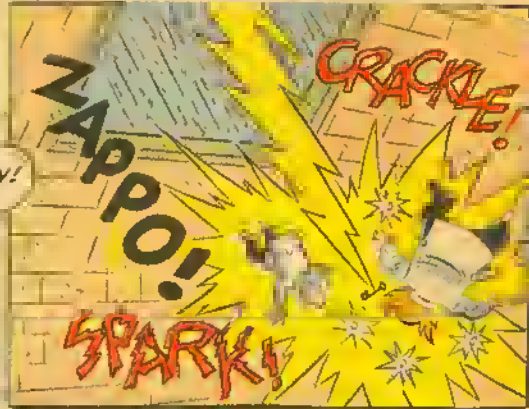
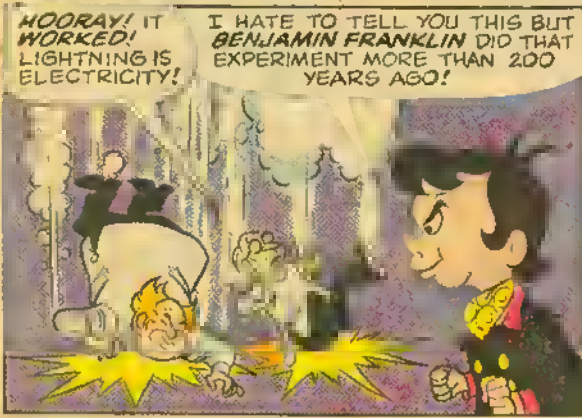
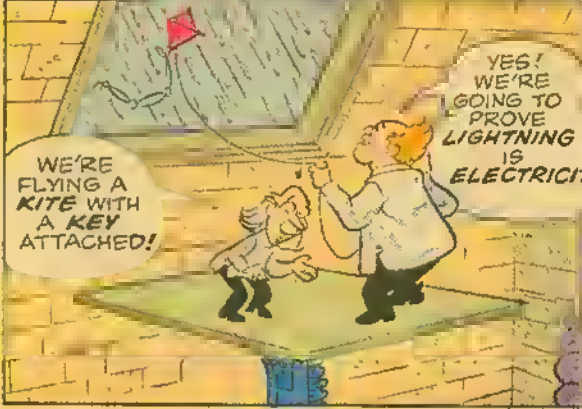


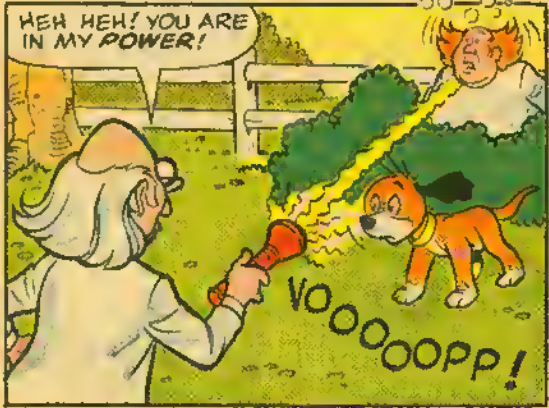
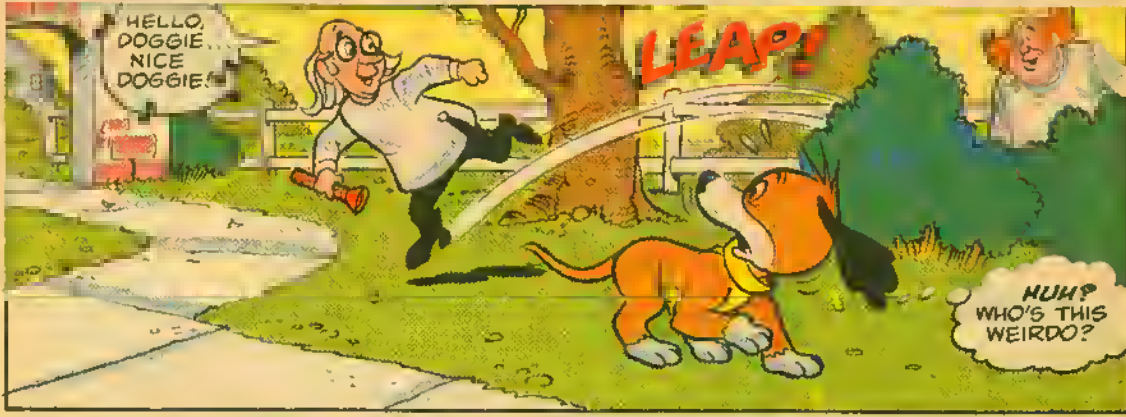
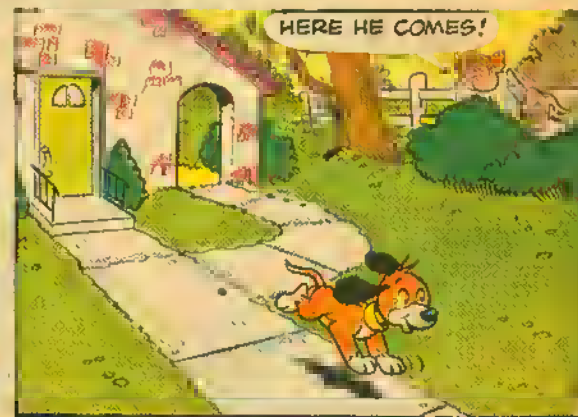
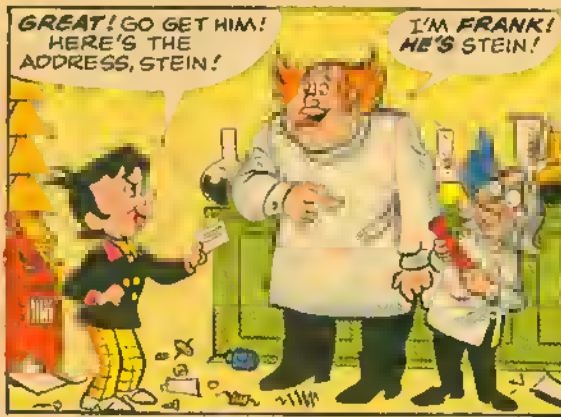
FRANK! STEIN!
WHERE ARE YOU
GUYS?

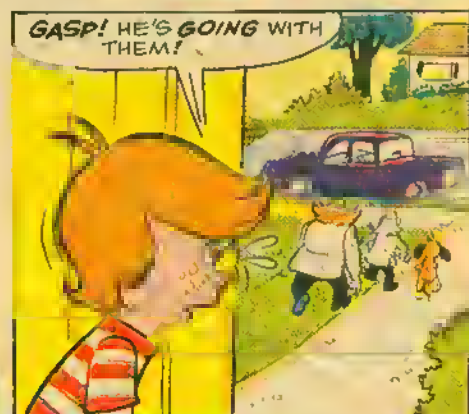
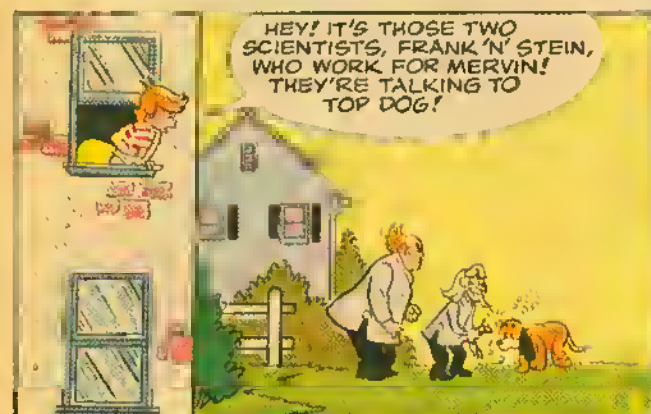
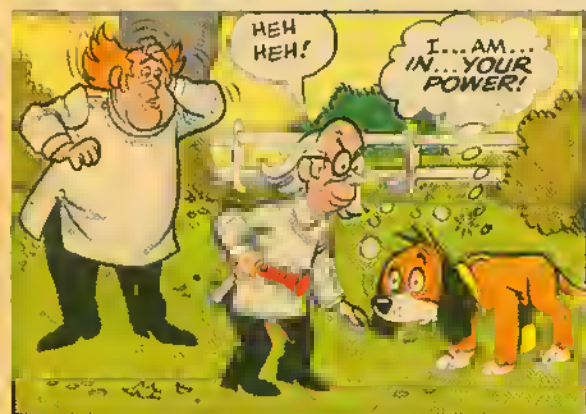
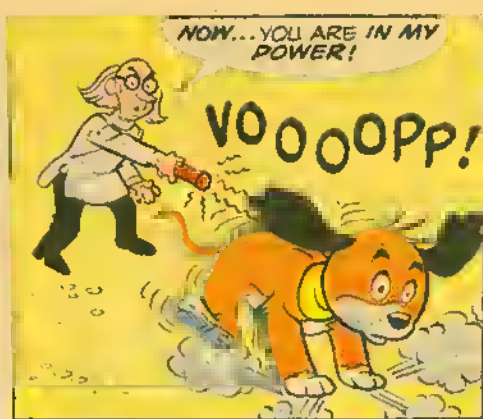
WE'RE UP HERE,
MASTER MERVIN!
CONDUCTING AN
EXPERIMENT!

HUM?
WHAT
EXPERIMENT?







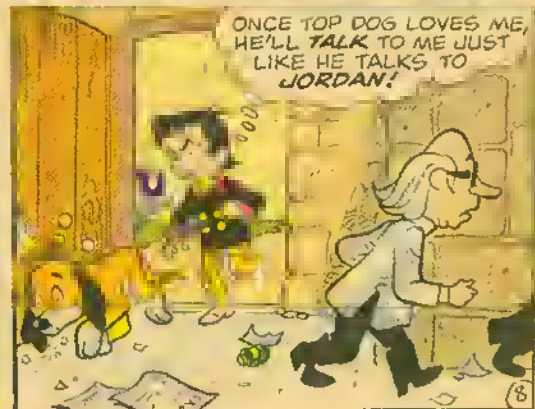
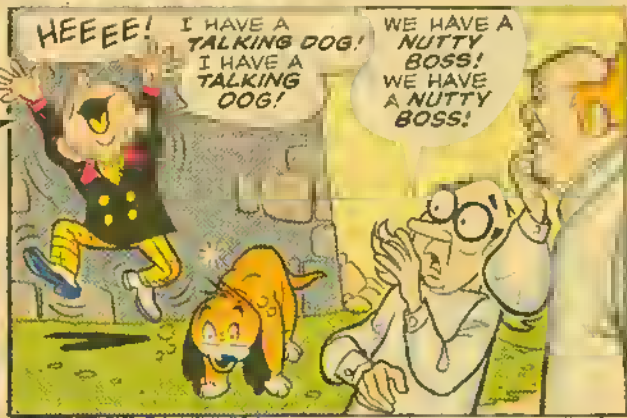
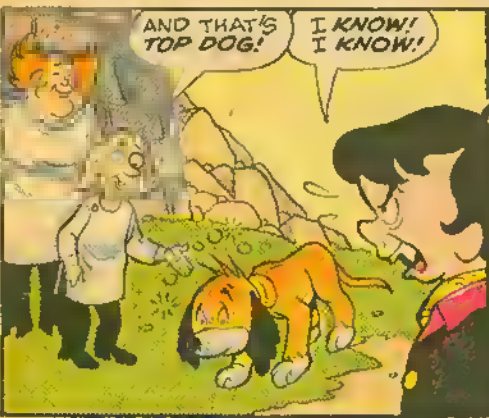


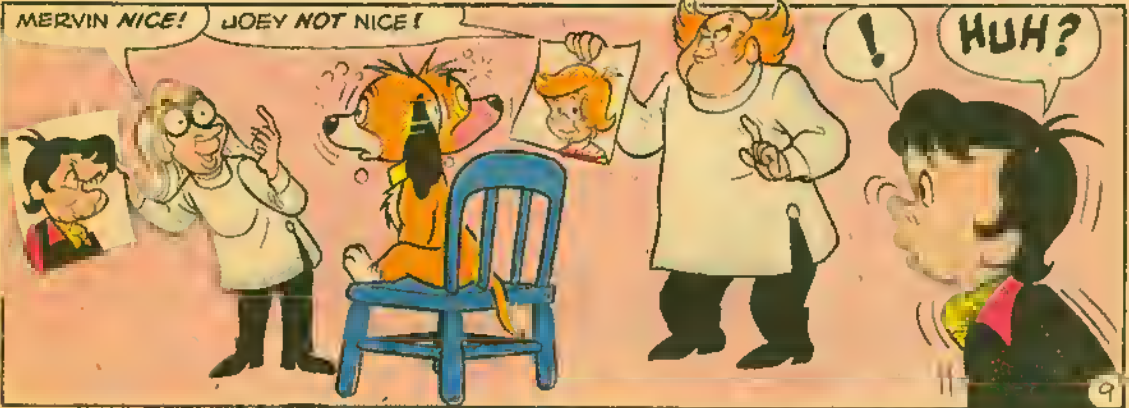
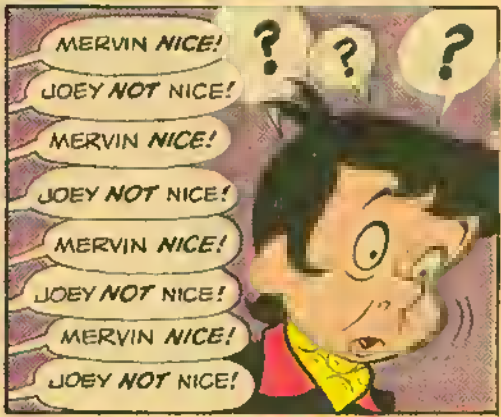
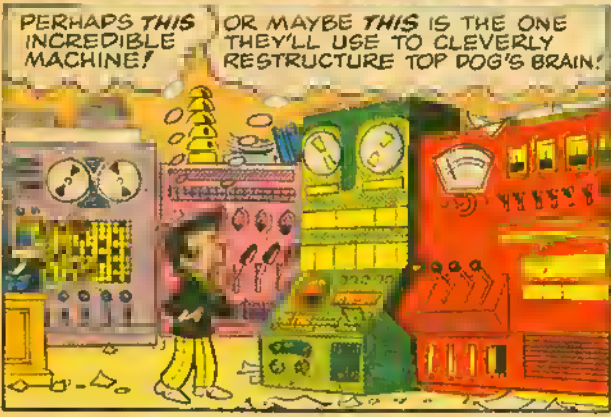
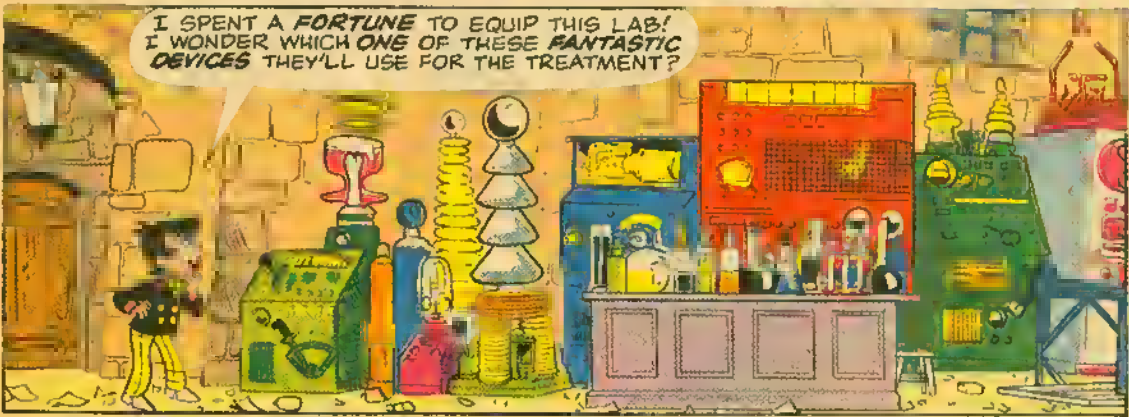
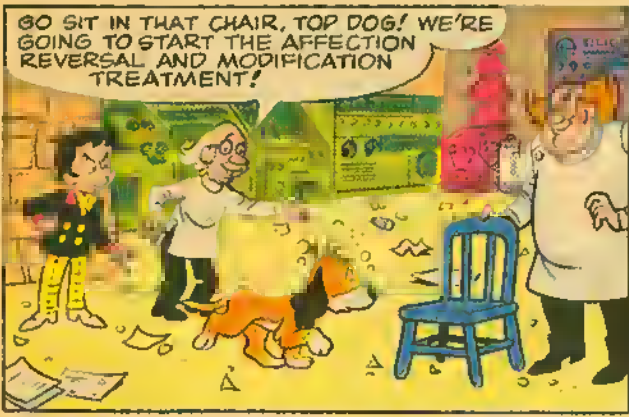
TOP DOG

FRANK STEIN

PART 2

"LIGHTNING STRIKES TWICE"





MILLIONS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF SOPHISTICATED ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT AND YOU GIVE ME MERVIN NICE, JOEY NOT NICE?

BUT...

NO BUTS! I WANT SOMETHING BETTER THAN A COUPLE OF LOUSY PHOTOS!

SLAM!

DON'T YOU GUYS EVER SEE MAD SCIENTIST MOVIES?

POP!

WHERE AM I?

WHAT AM I DOING HERE? I MUST HAVE BEEN HYPNOTIZED, AND THAT SLAM GOT ME OUT OF IT!

MEANWHILE...

I TOLD TOP DOG IF HE WANTED TO LEAVE I WOULDN'T STAND IN HIS WAY!

BUT I'M GOING TO TELL HIM WHAT I THINK OF HIS BAD MANNERS FOR NOT SAYING GOODBYE!

MEGABUCKS MANOR.

BACK IN THE LAB

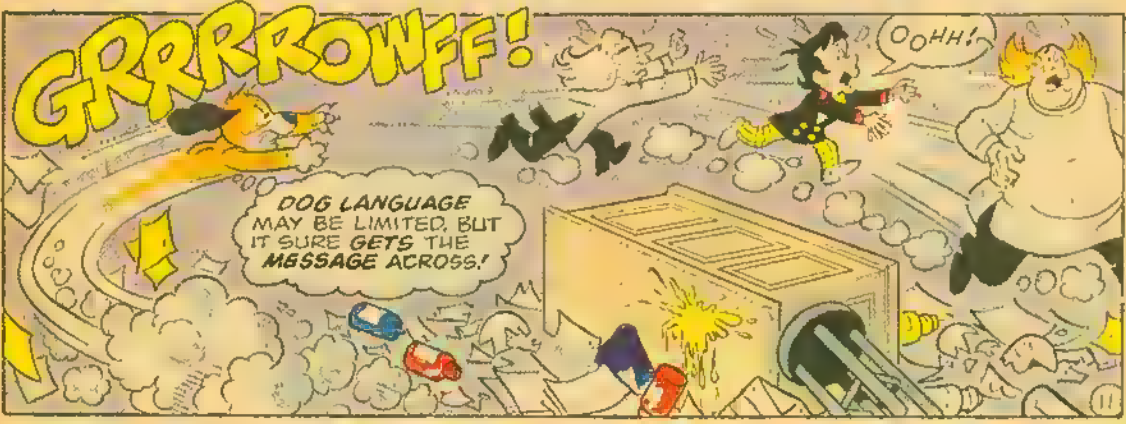
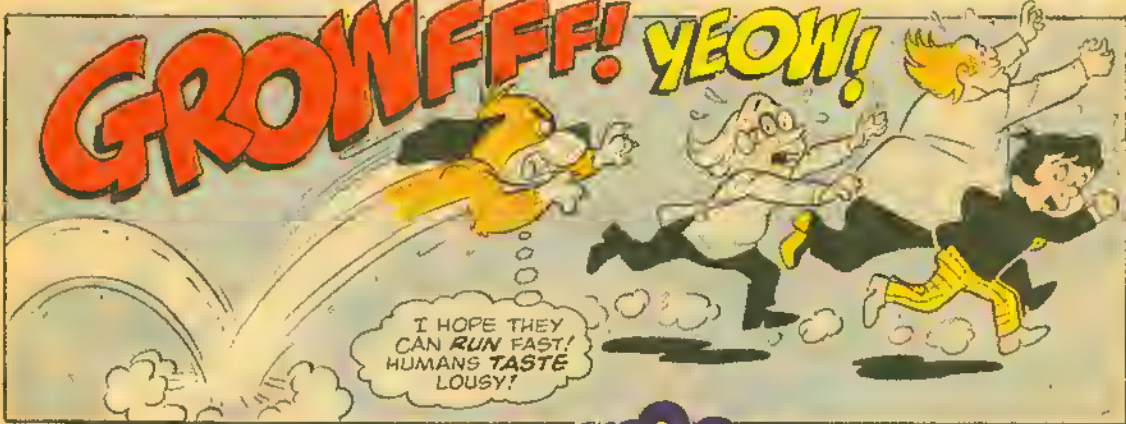
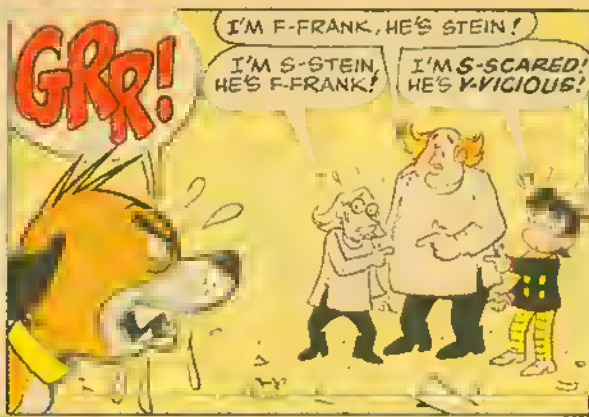
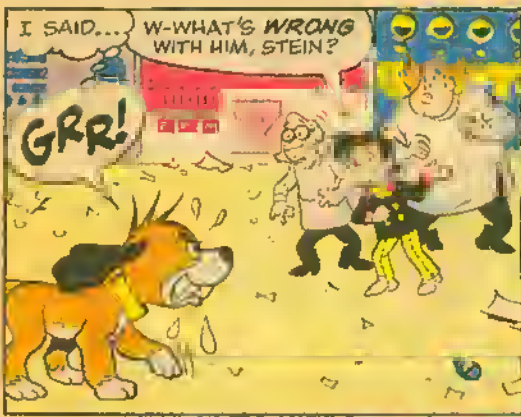
I WANT FLASHING LIGHTS! HUMMING MACHINES! SPARKS FLYING! CRACKLING ELECTRICITY! I WANT ACTION!

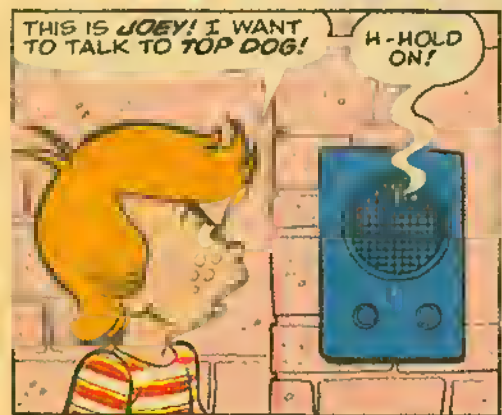
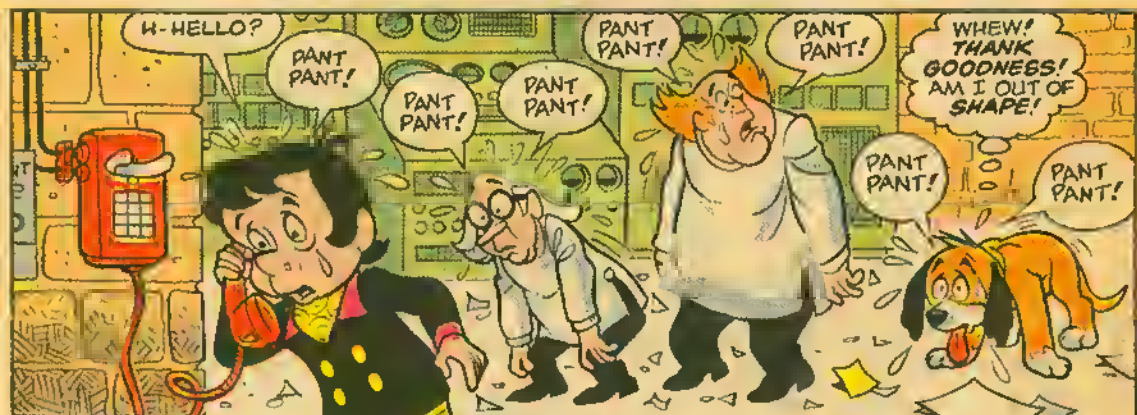
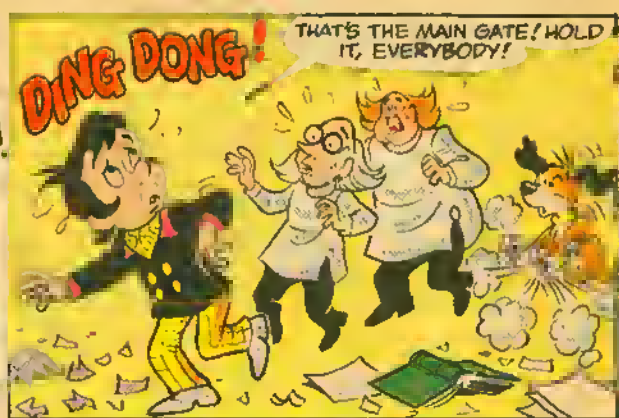
I'LL GIVE YOU ACTION, MERVIN!

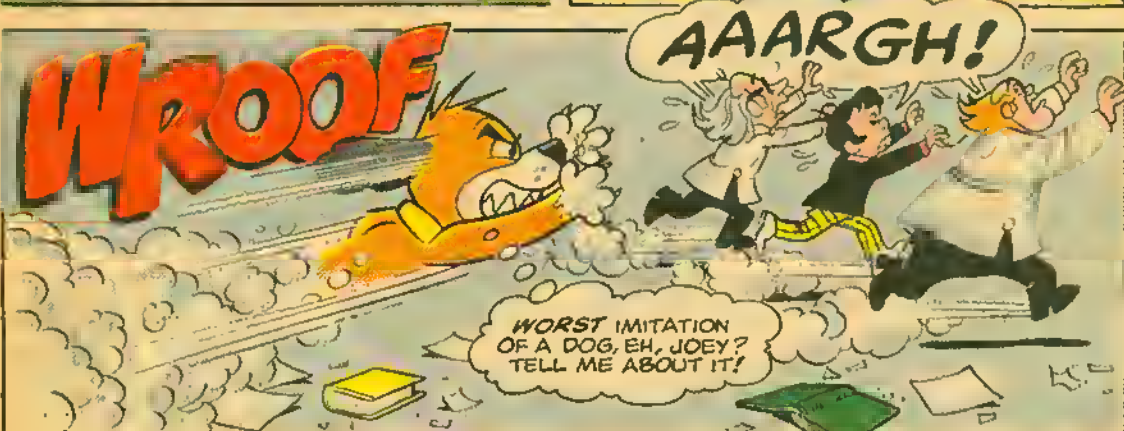
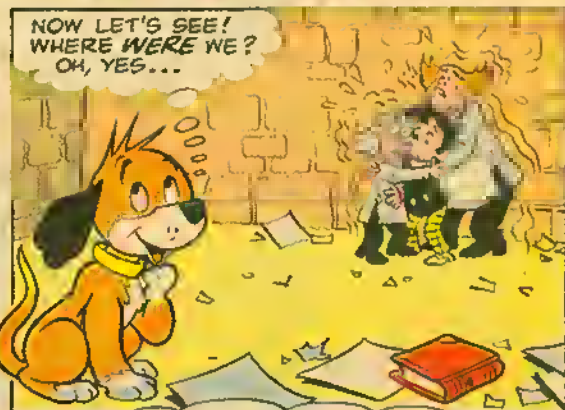
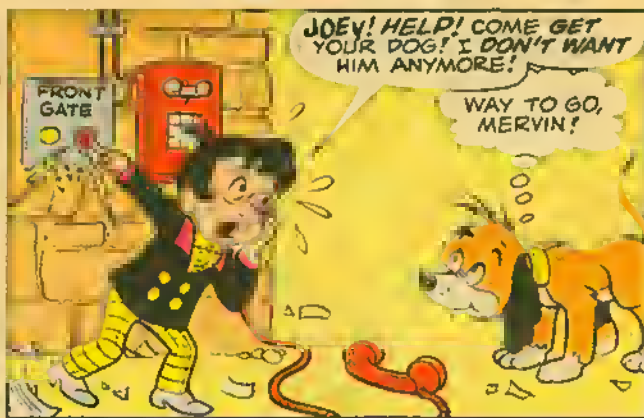
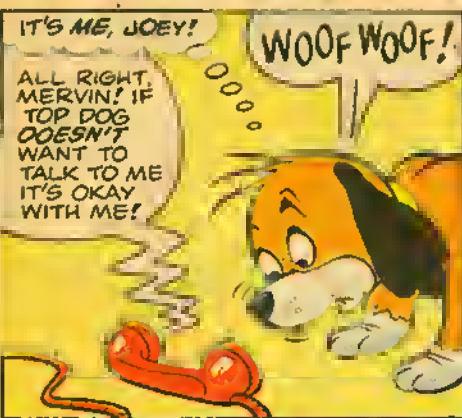
HUH?

GRRRRR!

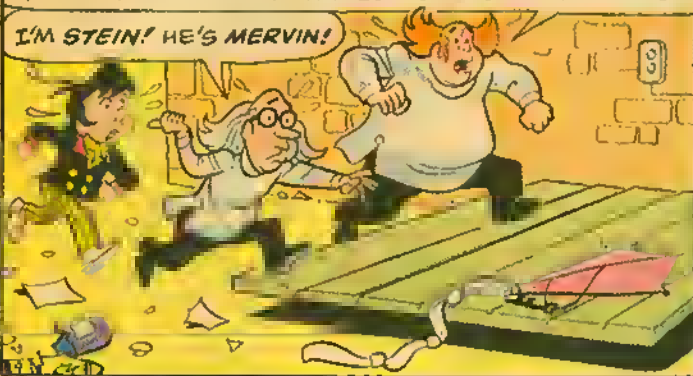
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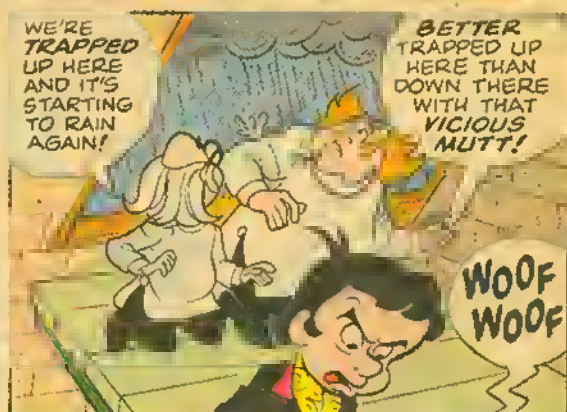


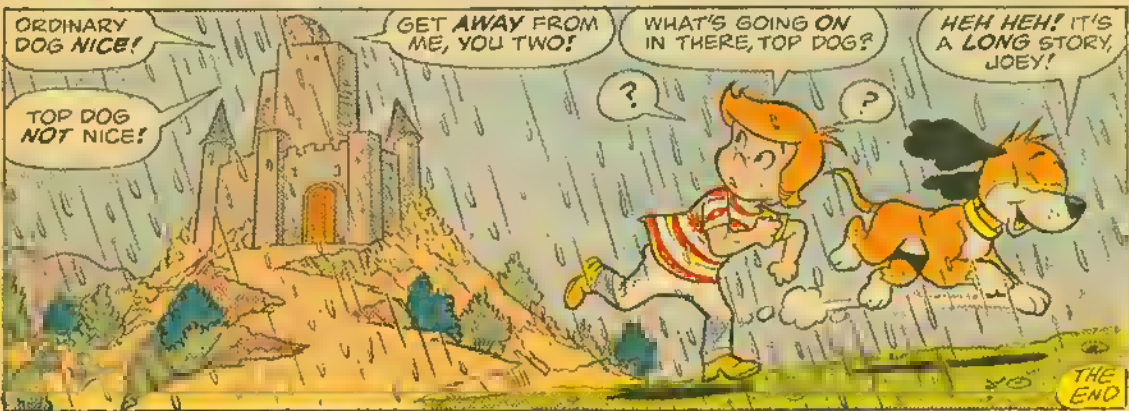
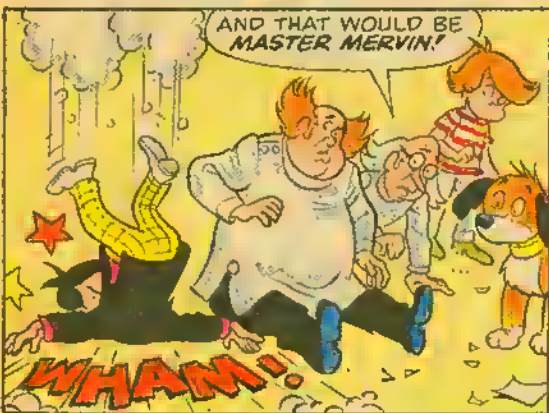
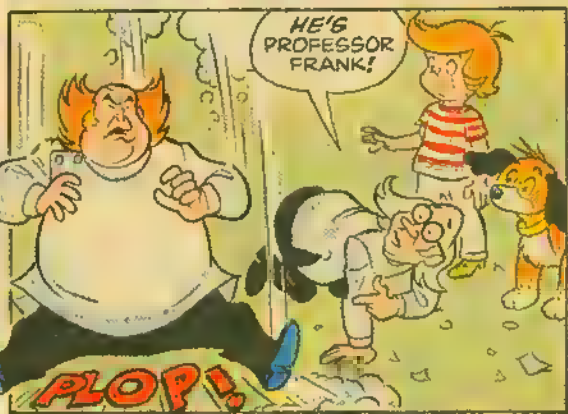
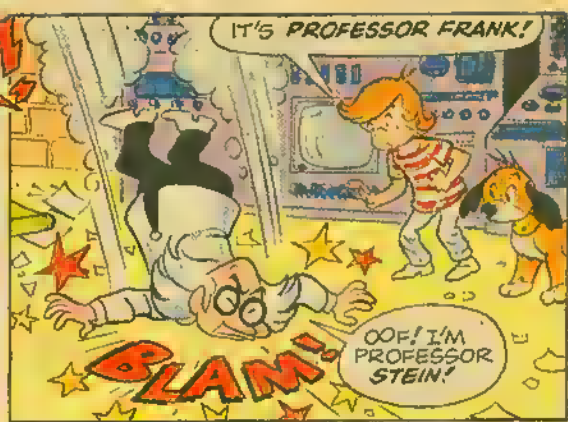
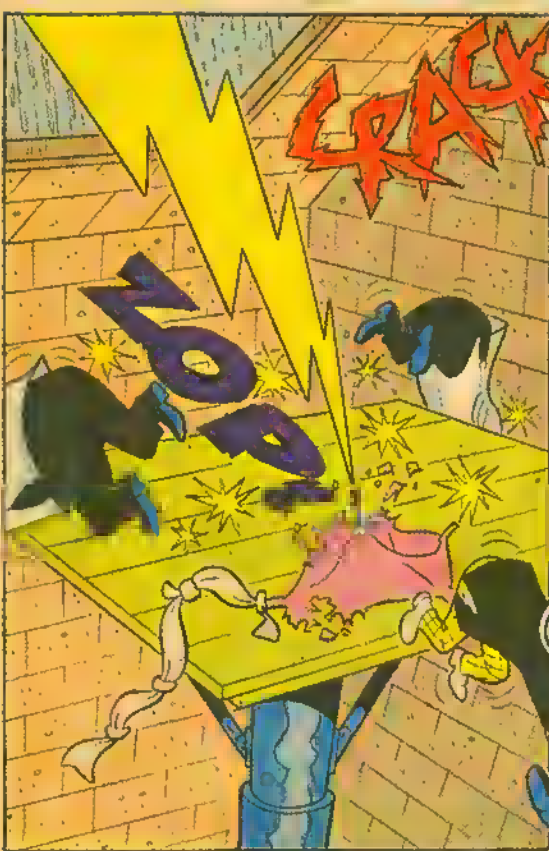




QUICKLY, MASTER MERVIN! CLIMB UP ON THIS PLATFORM!







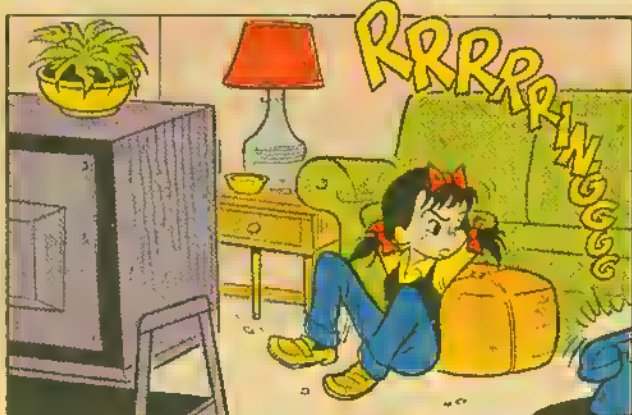
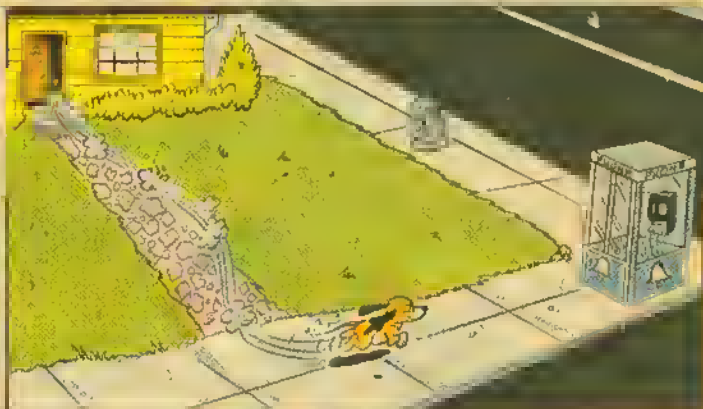
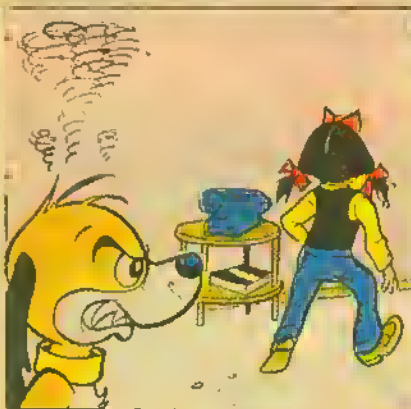
TOP DOG

PUPPY LOVE



BUMP!

HEY! WATCH IT, YOU DUMB MUTT!



THE END

TOP DOG^{IN} THE CHECK-UP

WHY DO I HAVE TO GO FOR A CHECK-UP, JOEY? I FEEL FINE!

THAT WAS ONE OF THE CONDITIONS MOM MADE BEFORE SHE'D LET ME KEEP YOU, TOP DOG! NOW STOP TALKING AND START BARKING!

DR. A. FLEABITE VETERINARIAN

JOEY JORDAN AND TOP DOG TO SEE DR. FLEABITE!

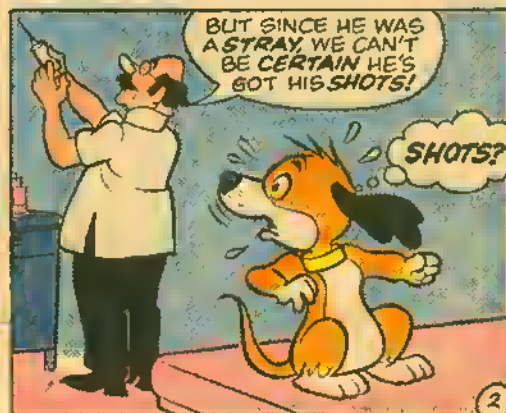
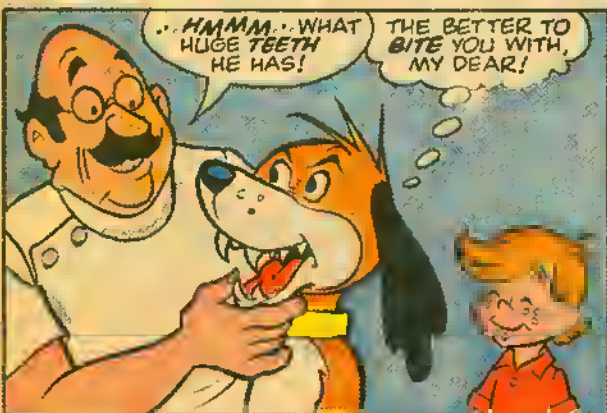
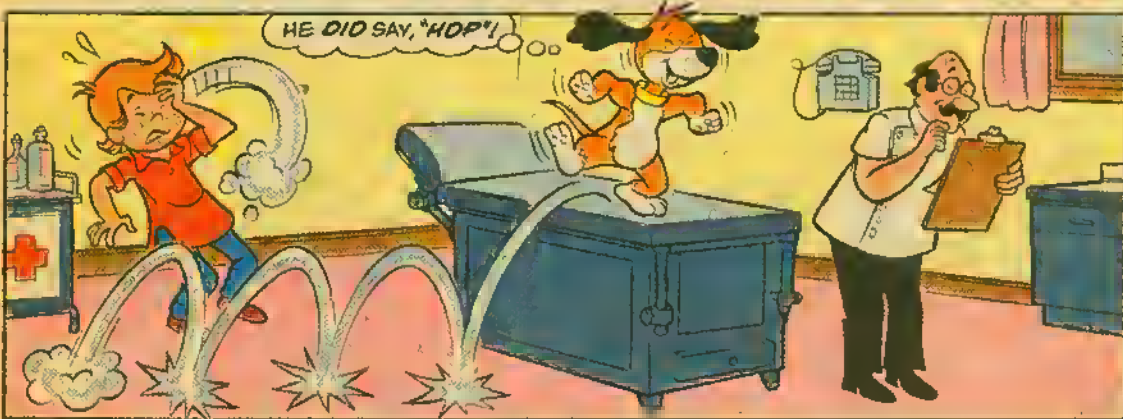
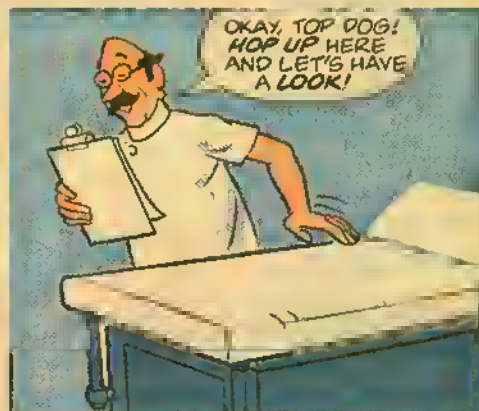
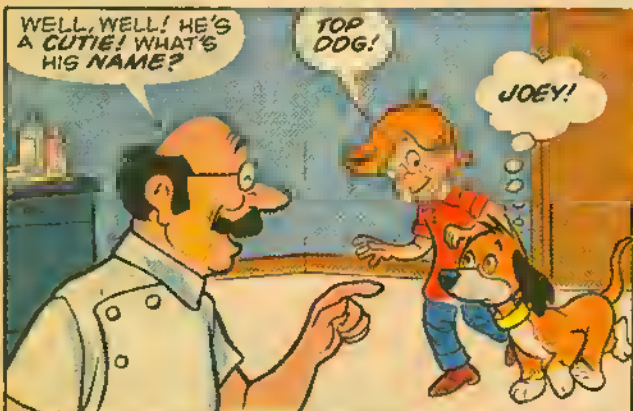
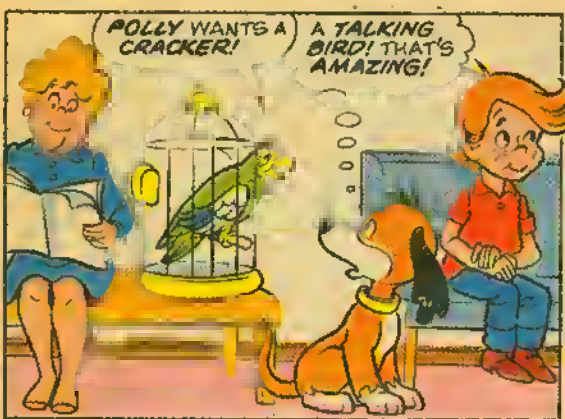
HAVE A SEAT, JOEY! THE DOCTOR WILL SEE YOU NEXT!

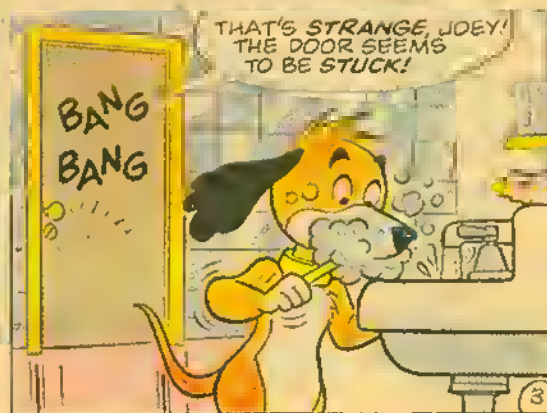
NOT NEXT TO THE HOUND! HOUNDS DEPRESS ME!

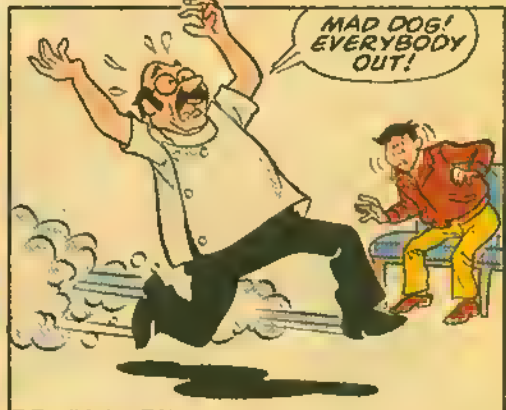
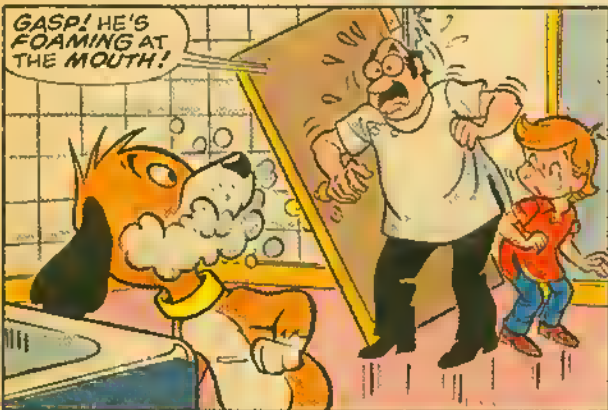
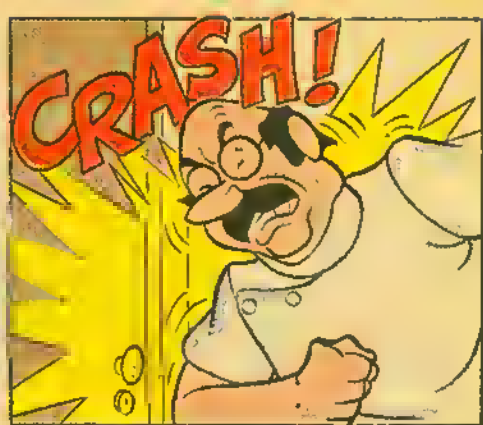
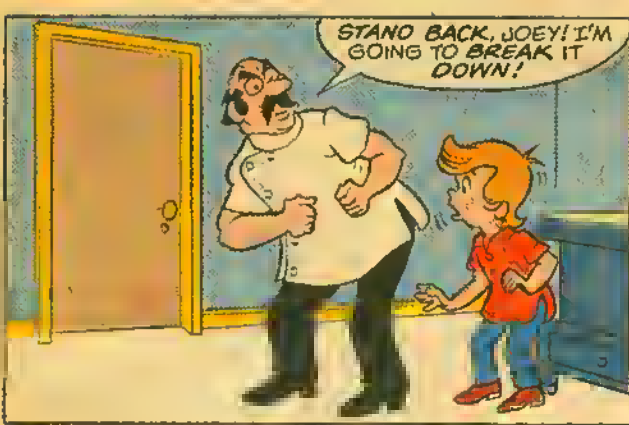
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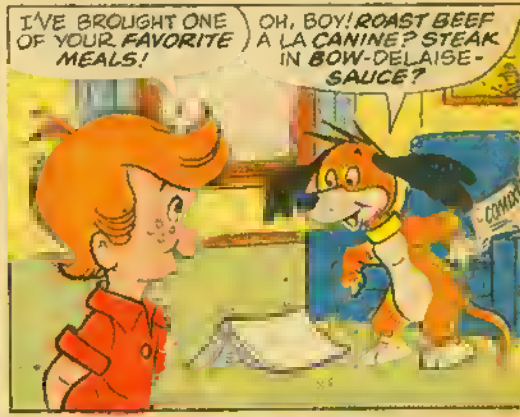
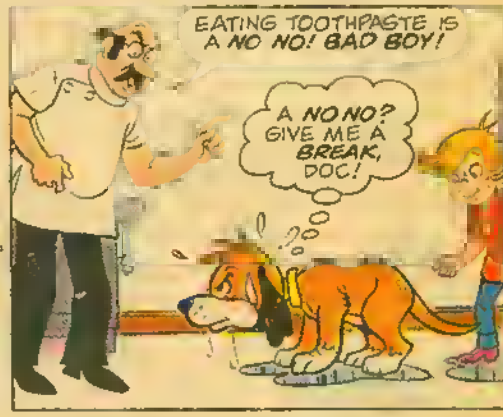
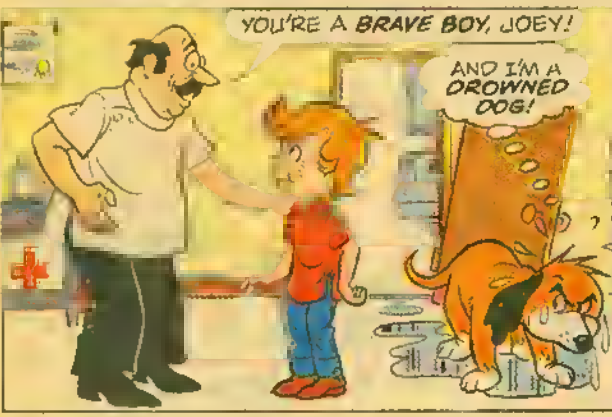
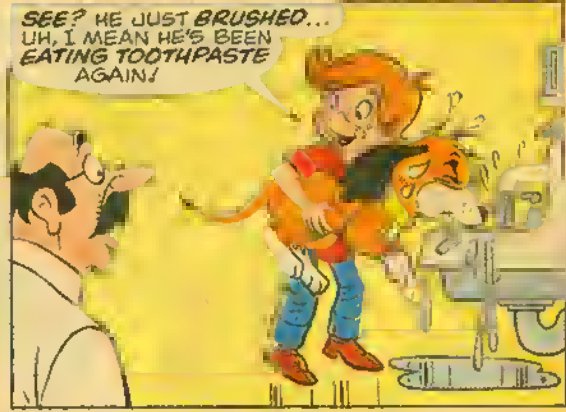
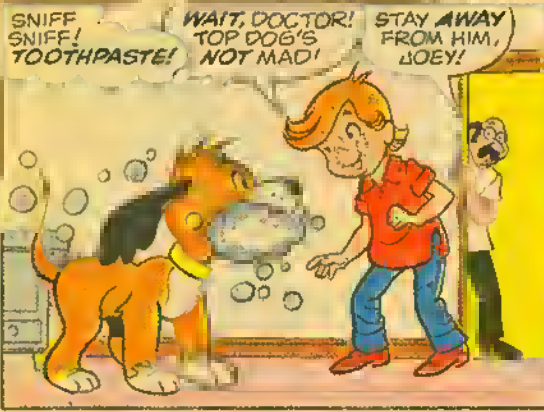
REMEMBER TO BE CAREFUL! NOBODY MUST FIND OUT THAT YOU CAN TALK!

PSST! IF YOU'RE GOING TO RACE THE BUNNY, MY DOUGH'S ON YOU!





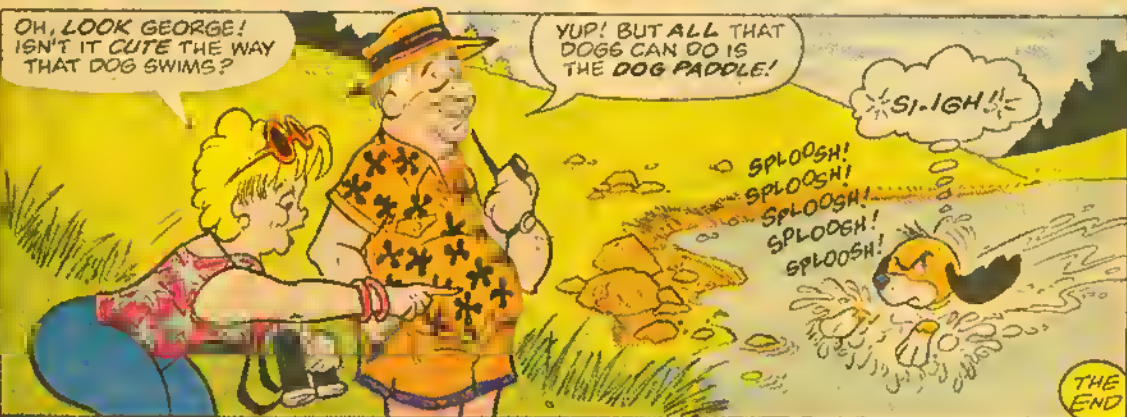
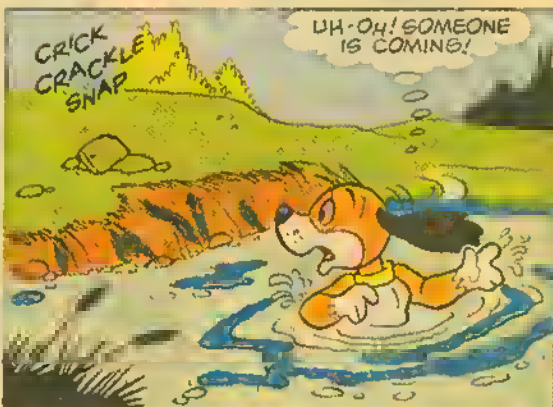
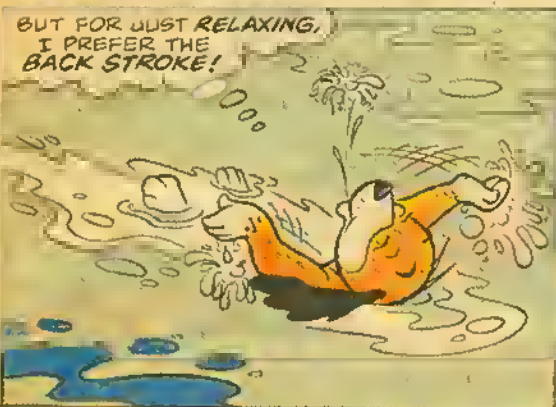




TOP DOG

THE SWIM OF THINGS

WHAT A GREAT DAY
FOR A SWIM!



STAR SIGNALS

SWINGING OH WITH STAR!

***** It's me, again. I'll bet you think it's a real blast being the Executive Editor of *Star Comics*. You're probably convinced that I really enjoy spending most of my time working on the full color adventures of guys like *Heathcliff*, *Thundercats*, *Spider-Man* and the *Care Bears*.

Well, you're right.

I really love my work. I have the greatest job in the whole world. People actually pay me to read comic books. Can you believe it?

This is what I've always wanted to do. For me, it's a dream come true. A dream which began many years ago...

THE DAY TOM STARTED DREAMING!

***** I don't remember the exact year or month. I think I was maybe eleven or twelve years old at the time. There was snow on the ground, and it must have been a Saturday afternoon because I wasn't at school. The thing I remember most was that I was bored. I wanted something interesting to happen. I was in the mood for adventure.

So, I went to the local soda shop, and checked their comic book rack. It was one of those "spinning things."

After spinning about a dozen times, I desperately hoping to find something exciting to read. Suddenly, I noticed a flaming

figure on one of the covers. He was the *Human Torch*, and it was the cover of *Fantastic Four* #3. A few minutes later, I spotted the *Torch* on another cover—*Fantastic Four* #4.

Needless to say, I bought both comics... and they were great! The most exciting comics I had ever seen!

TOM'S DREAM!

***** That's the day I started to dream. What did I dream about? Well, I wanted to write comic books! I guess I'm a very lucky person. Ever since I was eleven or twelve years old, I've always known what I wanted to do with my life. I've had to work real hard to get here, but it was all worth it. I'm very happy here at *Star Comics*, and I'm glad that I get to share my happiness with you.

DO YOU DREAM?

***** I'm sure a lot of people have asked you what you want to be when you grow up. Maybe you already have a dream. Maybe you don't. If you do, work hard for it. Don't let anything stop you from trying to reach it. My dream came true, maybe yours will too.

Maybe you don't have a dream yet. In the meantime, you can try a lot of different dreams... until you find one which fits

... which suits you perfectly. Experiment! Try different things, and keep an open mind! You'll know your dream when it hits you. Maybe you'll be a doctor, an astronaut, an actor or a teacher. Whatever it is, I wish you luck!

JUST A THOUGHT!

***** There's always a chance that you share my dream. Maybe you're eleven or twelve years old right now. Maybe you just picked up a few *Star Comics*, and think they're the greatest things you've ever seen. Maybe someday, you'll be writing a column like this. If that's your dream, you'd better start working toward it. Read as many books as you can—real books as well as comics. Study hard in school. Ask your teachers to show you how to draw or write stories. Go for it!

By the way, if you ever do break into comics, stop by and say hello. I really enjoy talking to dreamers.

That's all for now! Until my next *Star Signals*...

Thanks for being there!

Tom D.

Tom DeFalco, S.T.A.R.
Executive Editor

CHECKLIST

STAR COMICS

- ☐ **PLANET TERRY #11**—Meel Terry's father, Vermen the Vile!
- ☐ **FRAGGLE ROCK #6**—Lost... in the strangest part of *Fraggle Rock*!
- ☐ **STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE #6**
- ☐ **THUNDERCATS #2**—What are the Berbis?
- ☐ **MISTY #2**—Guest starring Milla the Model!
- ☐ **WALLY THE WIZARD #11**
- ☐ **TOP DOG #6**—Beware of those mad scientists, Frank 'n' Sleint!
- ☐ **HEATHCLIFF #6**—Special Christmas Issue!

MARVEL COMICS

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